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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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12 GALE SOSTEK, et al.

13 Plaintiff(s),

14 v.

15 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, et
16 al.

17 Defendant(s).
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Case No.

5:23-cv-02236-MRA-MRW

REASSIGNMENT ORDER

20 Pursuant to the Order of the Chief Judge, this case has been reassigned to the
21 calendar of the Honorable Mónica Ramírez Almadani. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED
22 as follows:
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1 1. All counsel shall familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure, the Local Rules of the Central District of California, and all applicable
3 standing orders.¹ “Counsel,” as used in this order, includes parties appearing *pro se*.

4 2. This Court does not exempt parties appearing *pro se* from compliance
5 with any of the Local Rules, including Local Rules 16 and 7-3.

6 3. All matters previously referred to a magistrate judge shall remain before
7 that magistrate judge.

8 4. Cases previously referred to an Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”)
9 process shall proceed under the terms of the applicable ADR local rules. Dates for
10 previously scheduled ADR conferences shall remain in effect.

11 5. All discovery cutoff dates and other deadlines associated with this case,
12 such as disclosure and expert deadlines, shall remain in effect.

13 6. Except for matters noticed before a magistrate judge, all currently
14 pending law and motion hearing dates are vacated. However, the opposition and
15 reply deadlines will remain based on the previously noticed hearing date or
16 scheduling order. Unless otherwise ordered, the motion will be taken under
17 submission without oral argument when briefing is complete.

18 7. All previously scheduled scheduling conferences are vacated. However
19 the deadline to file the parties’ Joint Report pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
20 Procedure 26(f) will remain based on the previously scheduled scheduling
21 conference. In addition, the parties may file a joint statement no later than seven (7)
22 days from the date of this Order or with their Rule 26 Joint Report, whichever is
23 earlier, stating (a) whether any party would like the Court to hold a telephonic
24 scheduling conference hearing; and (b) if so, what issues they seek to have resolved

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26 ¹ The Local Rules are available on the Central District of California website at
27 <https://www.cacd.uscourts.gov> and Judge Ramírez Almadani’s procedures and
28 standing orders will be available within 30 days at
<http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/honorable-mónica-ramírez-almadani>.

1 at the hearing. If the parties do not file a joint statement requesting a conference,
2 the Court will likely issue a scheduling order without a hearing.

3 8. All pretrial conferences and trial dates currently set for dates earlier than
4 August 26, 2024, are **vacated**.

5 9. All pretrial conferences and trial dates currently set for August 26, 2024,
6 or thereafter, as well as other deadlines associated with the case, shall remain in
7 effect.

8 10. Each party is expected to review and become familiar with all applicable
9 standing orders, which will be posted on the Court's website in the next 30 days.

10 11. The parties shall file a Joint Case Management Statement **within fifteen**
11 **(15) days of the date of this Order**. Separate statements are appropriate if any
12 party is proceeding without counsel. The statement should not exceed 10 pages in
13 length, should not contain attachments, and should address the following items in
14 the following order:

- 15 a. The date the case was filed;
- 16 b. A list identifying or describing each party;
- 17 c. A brief summary of all claims, counter-claims, cross-claims,
18 or third-party claims;
- 19 d. A brief description of the events underlying the action;
- 20 e. A description of the relief sought and the damages claimed
21 with an explanation of how damages have been (or will be) computed;
- 22 f. The status of discovery, including any significant discovery
23 management issues, as well the applicable cut-off dates;
- 24 g. A procedural history of the case, including any previous
25 motions that were decided or submitted, any ADR proceedings or settlement
26 conferences that have been scheduled or concluded, and any appellate
27 proceedings that are pending or concluded;
- 28 h. A description of any other deadlines in place before

1 reassignment;

2 i. Whether the parties will consent to a magistrate judge for trial²;

3 j. A statement from each parties' counsel indicating they have
4 (1) discussed the magistrate judge consent program with their respective
5 client(s), and (2) met and conferred to discuss the consent program and
6 selection of a magistrate judge; and

7 k. Whether there exists an immediate need for a case
8 management conference to be scheduled in the action and, if so, why the
9 parties believe such a need exists.

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11 The Court thanks the parties and their counsel for their anticipated cooperation
12 in complying with these requirements.

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14 **IT IS SO ORDERED**

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17 Dated: March 1, 2024


HON. MONICA RAMÍREZ ALMADANI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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26 ² Under 28 U.S.C. § 636, the parties may consent to have a magistrate judge
27 preside over all proceedings, including trial. The magistrate judges who accept
28 those designations are identified on the Central District's website at
<http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/judges-requirements/court-programs/voluntary-consent-magistrate-judges>, which also contains a link to the consent form CV-11D.